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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **Plans announced to create Europe's largest low carbon zone in Wales (03.12.08)**
- **New road and rail plans for Wales announced (02.12.08)**
- **Ministerial statement on streamlining the planning application process in Wales (10.12.08)**
- **Coastal Tourism Strategy for Wales published (15.12.08)**
- **Extra funding announced for flood and coastal risk management (17.12.08)**
- **New funding announced to tackle fuel poverty in Wales (22.12.08)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **Assembly debate on Green Jobs for Wales (03.12.08)**
- **Assembly debate on the Gwynt-y-Mor windfarm (03.12.08)**
- **Update on the Third Economic Summit and Economic Conditions in Wales (09.12.08)**
- **Kirsty Williams AM becomes the new leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats (09.12.08)**
- **Sustainability Committee undertaking inquiry into the role of the planning system carbon reduction (12.08)**
- **Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee published report into the operation of Local Service Boards (18.12.08)**

CONSULTATIONS

- **Increasing physical activity in Wales (deadline 16th January)**
- **UK Department of Energy and Climate Change consultation on: Carbon units, the net UK carbon account and carbon accounting (deadline 19th January)**
- **All Wales Convention 'Call for Evidence' (deadline 31st January)**

- A Compact between the Welsh Language Board, Welsh Assembly Government and the Third Sector (deadline 31st January)
- One Wales: One Planet: Consultation on a new sustainable development scheme for Wales (deadline 4th February)
- Green Jobs for Wales (deadline 20th February)
- Climate Change Strategy for Wales (deadline 20th February)
- Consultation on the next stage in the proposed reform of the NHS in Wales (deadline 25th February)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Energy Saving Trust publish '*Power in numbers: the benefits and potential of distributed energy generation at the small community scale*' (19.11.08)
- Campaign for Better Transport publish '*A Low Carbon Transport Policy for the UK*' (24.11.08)
- The UK Committee on Climate Change's inaugural report '*Building a low-carbon economy - the UK's contribution to tackling climate change*' (01.12.08)
- Global Climate Network report on '*Closing the Mitigation Gap*' (08.12.08)
- Results of Living in Wales Survey into Citizens' Views of Public Services (11.12.08)

COMING UP

- Sustainability Committee to consider the implications for Wales of the 'Marine and Coastal Access Bill' (scheduled for February)
- A review of 'Wise About Waste, the Wales Waste Strategy' 2002 (public consultation due in spring 2009)

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